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**HBID ARREST NUMBER: 14-0765 DEFENDANT(S) NAME DOB** 

08/22/53 Morell, Mark

6801 Hollywood Blvd. #169 Hollywood, Ca. 90028 (323) 465-

ARREST CODE DATE TIME 41.27© LAMC 08/02/14 1155 Drinking in Public Hours

**OFFICER:** Rosales, S. # 145 **OFFICER:** Coppola, # 138

# **SOURCE OF ACTIVITY:**

On Friday, August 2nd, 2014, my partner (Officer Coppola #138) and I (Officer Rosales #145) were working as contracted, uniformed security officers for the Hollywood Business Improvement District (H.B.I.D.) / Andrews International 6801 Hollywood Boulevard Hollywood, CA. 90028 (323) 465-0122. We were assigned to the bicycle team and deployed as B-2.

### **INVESTIGATION:**

On the above date at approximately 1155 hours, my partner (Officer Coppola #138) and I (Officer Rosales #145) were conducting a business check / contact at the "Starbucks", located at 6290 Sunset Bl., Los Angeles California.

As I exited the business and stood on the sidewalk located at the intersection of Sunset Bl. and Vine St. (/E corner). I observed a male Hispanic adult, (Later identified as Morell, Mark DOB: 08/23/53) standing behind the green bus bench located on the west side of Vine St. and south of Sunset Bl. I Observed Morell walk south on Vine St. and stand behind a public trash can that was located approximately 5 feet south of the bus bench. I observed Morell bend over and pick up a brown paper bag with his right hand. The brown paper bag contained an unknown beverage concealed inside of a brown paper bag.

Based on training and experience, I recognized that it is a common practice for drinking in public violators to conceal alcoholic beverages in brown paper bags in order to avoid detection from the authorities. I observed Morell place the unknown beverage that was concealed in the brown paper bag to his lips / mouth, tilt his head back and take a drink.

My partner and I decided to conduct a consensual encounter on Morell in order to ascertain if Morell was drinking an alcoholic beverage that was concealed inside of the brown paper bag. As I approached Morell I observed Morell place the unknown beverage that was in the brown paper bag to his lips/mouth, tilt

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his head back and take another drink. I observed Morell bend over and place the brown paper bag ground behind the trash can.

I contacted Morell and asked him if was drinking an alcoholic beverage. Morell stated," it's just beer it's no problem". I advised Morell that it was illegal to drink alcohol in public. I recovered the unknown beverage that was in the brown paper bag. I removed the brown paper bag and observed a 16 ounce can of "King Cobra", Malt liquor, alcoholic beverage (6% Alcohol by volume) approximately 1/2 full and cold to the touch.

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We advised Morell that we were placing him under "Private Person's Arrest", as per 837 Penal Code – (Private Person's Arrest – Authority To Arrest / see attached form) for 41.27 (c) Los Angeles Municipal Code – (Drinking in Public). Morell was handcuffed (adjusted /double locked for safety and comfort) without incident.

# **CITE and RELEASE:**

LAPD Hollywood Patrol Officer Real #P0185 responded to our location and issued Morell a release from custody citation (E03904) for the listed charge and ordered him to appear at the Metropolitan Court House, 1945 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, 90007, on 09/08/2014, at 0830 Hours with the approval of the Watch Commander LT. Leng.

#### **ADDITIONAL:**

I asked Morell where he had purchased the beer. Morell advised that he could not remember where he had purchased the beer.

Morell has (7) prior contacts / arrest with BID Officers.

#### **EVIDENCE:**

I disposed of the "King Cobra" alcoholic beverage.

PICTURE(S): See next page.

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**INJURY AND MEDICAL TREATMENT:** 

None reported or observed at the time of contact/arrest.